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SUBJECT: FIRST STAGE OF KURSK ATOMIC POWER STATION COMPLETED

1. TRUD, ON OCTOBER 5, CARRIED AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY V. KHRUSTALEV, CORRESPONDENT FOR "KURSK PRAVDA", REPORTING THAT THE FIRST POWER BLOCK OF THE KURSK ATOMIC POWER STATION, WITH AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 1 MILLION KILOWATTS, HAS BEEN PUT INTO THE FINAL START-UP STAGE (NA REZHIM FIZICHESKOGO PUSKA). WITHIN A MONTH, THE PLANT WILL BE PRODUCING "CHEAP" ELECTRIC POWER FOR THE ENTERPRISES OF THE KURSK MAGNITO-ANOMALY. THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PLANT CAPACITY ORIGINALLY WAS PLANNED TO BE 2 MILLION KILOWATTS; HOWEVER, SPECIALISTS FROM THE MOSCOW INSTITUTE "GIOROPROYEKT" DEVELOPED A NEW METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING THE COOLING-POND WHICH WILL PERMIT A DOUBLING OF THE CAPACITY. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND ASSEMBLY WORK IS NOW PROCEEDING ON THE SECOND "MILLIONSKI" POWER BLOC.

2. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE IS NOTEWORTHY FOR CONFIRMING THAT THE CAPACITY OF THE KURSK PLANT WILL BE 4 MILLION KILOWATTS. IT DOES NOT MAKE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THE NATURE OF THE DESIGN CHANGES, OTHER THAN ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE COOLING-POND, WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE DOUBLING OF CAPACITY. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ADDITIONAL POWER BLOCS BEYOND THE SECOND.

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